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LIFE PLAN LAUNCHES
GROWING A COMMUNITY Life Plan Humboldt supporters celebrate the purchase of 14.60 acres in the McKinleyville Town Center, the future home of Life Plan Humboldt's new, resident-led, senior community. JoAnn Schuch | LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT

Life Plan Humboldt comes alive with groundbreaking

LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT
McKINLEYVILLE – Life Plan Humboldt (LPH), a not-for-profit organization developing Humboldt County's first resident-driven 62+ living community for active adults, has officially closed escrow on 14.58 acres in the McKinleyville Town Center. LPH represents one of a very few grassroots, community-driven senior housing projects to be developed in decades across the United States. **LIFE PLAN ❖ PAGE 3**

When standing still isn't an option

Amid national disruption and chaos, locals forge ahead with new, improved and future-forward projects



SO IT BEGINS The well-attended ribbon cutting for Vero Fiber.

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Vero lands in Arcata: welcome to the fiberhood

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – Vero Fiber has established a beachhead in Arcata, from which it is systematically rolling out high-speed fiber optic cable service to the town's neighborhoods over the next year. Representing the final "last-mile" build following implementation of the of the state's Middle

Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI) "backbone" digitally linking Humboldt with the outside world. Vero service is already available in Eureka, and will eventually extend to new "fiberhoods" in McKinleyville, Indianola, Fortuna and down the peninsula. The entire project is the result of a massive public-private partnership and planning going back

years, even decades. The advent of Vero Fiber was celebrated with a ribbon cutting Tuesday, June 24 at the Humboldt Bay Social Club. In attendance were area civic leaders, members of the business and education community, representatives of the California Department of Technology and Vero reps. **VERO ❖ PAGE 3**

We Are Up housing mods ease approval

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
McKINLEYVILLE

The We Are Up supportive housing project in McKinleyville has addressed the concerns of a group of neighbors who filed an appeal, re-gaining approval from the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

The project, a 70-unit mix of "integrated housing," communal buildings and open space, got the enthusiastic support of the commission at a June 26 hearing with no public opposition.

An initial hearing last July included comments from neighbors on noise and traffic concerns.

The commission approved permits for the project, an action that was appealed. County planning



The 17-acre We Are Up site on Central Avenue. IMAGE VIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

staff later acknowledged that noise and traffic impacts hadn't been adequately analyzed.

The project's team made changes in response, including moving a special event site away from nearby residences and changing a main access route, and re-submitted the applica-

tion.

Sited at a 17-acre parcel about 400 feet from the intersection of Central Avenue and School Road in McKinleyville, the project will offer a safe living environment mostly for people with autism and intellectual disabilities and seniors, **WE ARE UP ❖ PAGE 3**



ARCATA BALL PARK GRAND RE-OPENING



BALL PARKING Arcata celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Arcata Ball Park façade and handicapped access to the left field picnic area with a ribbon cutting before the game. State Sen. Mike McGuire, members of the Arcata City Council, and Crabs boardmembers and mascot Crusty Crab were on the field for the ceremonial ribbon cutting, which was counted down by Sen. McGuire in front of a cheering crowd of close to 900 Crabs fans. **PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION**



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Share your input on Revised Draft Election Administration Plan

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Office of Elections is seeking input from Humboldt County voters on the second draft of county’s revised draft Election Administration Plan (EAP). This important plan describes how the county will conduct its upcoming elections, so voter feedback is essential.

In 2023, the County of Humboldt transitioned to the California Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) elections format and finalized the 2023 Election Administration Plan.

Under state law, the county is required to submit an updated EAP that describes how the County of Humboldt will administer elections under the VCA. To meet the state’s requirements, and ensure the revised plan meets the needs of local voters, the Office of Elections is committed to engaging with voters and gathering public input on the draft plan.

The Humboldt County Office of Election held a public hearing in May to

discuss the draft EAP and appropriate feedback received has been incorporated into the updated draft plan. The revised draft EAP can be reviewed at [humboldt.gov.VotersChoiceAct](http://humboldt.gov/VotersChoiceAct).

Public comment on the draft EAP will be accepted until Friday, July 11 at noon. Feedback can be submitted through an online submission form, by email at humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us or over the phone at (707) 445-7481.

For more information on the Voter’s Choice Act, please visit the California Voter’s Choice Act website, sos.ca.gov/voters-choice-act#gsc.tab=0.

The final draft of the new Humboldt County Election Administration Plan is expected to be available to the public in August.

For more information on the draft Election Administration Plan, please contact the Humboldt County Office of Elections at (707) 445-7481 or email humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us.

The Humboldt County Office of Elections is committed to ensuring all eligible residents have an opportunity to exercise their right to vote, conducting elections in a fair, accurate and efficient manner and providing reliable information and the best possible service to voters, districts, candidates and other interested parties. For more information, visit humboldt.gov/elections.

Webinar: Permitting for Offshore Wind Port Infrastructure Projects

SCHATZ ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER
ARCATA –The Schatz Energy Research Center invites you to a webinar Thursday, July 10 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on permitting for port infrastructure to support offshore wind in California.

For offshore wind energy projects to be developed in California, specialized port facilities — known as “staging and integration” sites — must be built to stage, assemble and integrate massive floating offshore wind turbines before they are towed out to the designated offshore wind energy areas.

The webinar will include a presentation of the key findings from our recently published report, *Permitting for Port Infrastructure to Support Offshore Wind in California*, on permitting requirements for staging and integration sites, including those relating to Tribal consultation and public engagement.

The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with staff from the California State Lands Commission and California Coastal Commission



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to discuss each agency’s role in permitting these types of projects.
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Panelists

- Moderator Awbrey Yost, senior policy analyst, Schatz Energy Research Center
- Amy Vierra, senior environmental scientist, California State Lands Commission
- Catherine Mitchell, North Coast harbor analyst, Coastal Commission
- Seth Villanueva, port planner, Coastal Commission

The webinar will be held on Zoom. Register at humboldtstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1GLqQAxLQzq-jfSLqf5ndxw.

WILPF USED BOOK SALE On your way to the Plaza, come check out Humboldt WILPF’s big book sale Friday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1034 H St., Arcata (across from Bubbles) featuring a wide variety of genres: novels, gardening, history, science, spirituality, memoir, health, politics, young adult and more with children’s books free/donations accepted. Info and crafts from Centro del Pueblo will be available. Book sale profits support the Edilith Eckart/Jene McCovey Memorial Peace Scholarship which funds groups working for peace and/or social justice, including Centro del Pueblo, Cumbre Humboldt, English Express, Beginnings, Hope Sacks and North Coast Rape Crisis Team. Call (707) 822-5711 for more information.

Burglary suspects meet the long arm of the law

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARCATA – On Thursday, June 26 at 4:30 a.m., Arcata Police officers interrupted a residential burglary in the 400 block of Shirley Boulevard. Three suspects fled on foot and the incident concluded with one suspect in custody after a foot pursuit.

A female suspect had been acting as a lookout outside of the home, while two male suspects rummaged inside. The female, identified as 41-year-old Eureka resident Melissa Dale Parker, was taken into custody at the scene. Parker was booked and lodged at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on felony burglary and misdemeanor resistance charges, as well as an active warrant for felony assault.

APD detectives identified an additional suspect as 47-year-old Arcata resident Alvar Shane Sovereign. At 10 p.m. that evening, APD detectives conducted a traffic

stop on a vehicle driven by Sovereign in the 1100 block of Spear Avenue in Arcata. Sovereign was arrested without incident for the burglary and fresh charges for felon in possession of ammunition, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A search warrant was served on a residence associated with Sovereign located in the 1100 block of Madrone Avenue in Arcata. The search yielded a firearm and methamphetamine. Sovereign was booked and lodged at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on an additional charge of felon in possession of a firearm.

APD continues to work toward the identification of any outstanding suspects and encourages anyone with information to contact the Arcata Police Department’s Investigations Unit at (707) 822-2424, or the Anonymous Crime Tipline at (707) 825-2588.

Deputies track down stolen car, make arrest

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
McKINLEYVILLE – On Thursday, June 26 at about 2:30 p.m., deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office conducted a follow-up investigation related to a burglary and stolen vehicle report filed on June 25.

It was reported the stolen vehicle had entered the parking lot of the Dollar General store in McKinleyville. Deputies responded to the location and reviewed surveillance footage, which confirmed that a suspect, later identified as Justin Raymond Stephanson, 35, was operating the stolen vehicle prior to the deputies arrival.

Deputies proceeded to Stephanson’s residence, where they located the stolen vehicle. Pursuant to the terms of his probation, a search was conducted, resulting in the recovery of multiple items of stolen property linked to the burglary.

Stephanson was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of burglary (PC 459) and possession of stolen property (PC 496). The stolen vehicle and recovered property were returned to the victim.

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15 One way to read
16 China setting
17 Does a 10K
18 Word thief
20 Did impressions of
22 Dynamite sounds
23 Iberian and Yucatan
25 Tops a cake
27 Keep going
31 Auction unit
32 Backpack part
35 ____ Park: Meta site
36 Maintain
38 Skin lesions
40 Peruse
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50 Named, as a ship
53 Perfume sampler

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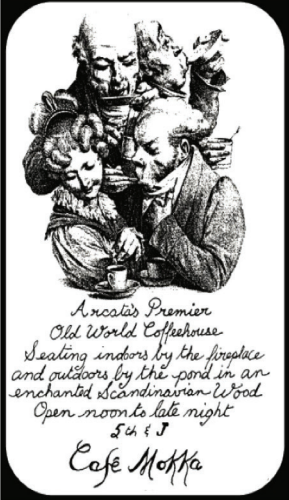
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3 All-powerful
4 Samples a bit of
5 St. John et al.
6 Type of wrench
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9 Safe to swallow
10 Pesters
11 Egyptian fertility goddess
12 General meaning
13 Bowlers and berets

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19 Wake-up call?
21 Picnic pests
24 Shoe top
25 Emergency signal
26 Wanders
28 Combustible
29 Toil away
30 In shape
33 Martini's partner
34 Gallery piece
37 Meltdown sites
39 Exercises without rest in between
42 Lucy's BFF
44 Fey of film
47 Proofer's finds
49 Aerie builder
51 Place for a book title
52 This one and this one
53 Ocean motion
54 Genesis locale
55 Farmer's purchase
57 One of three in 1492
58 "Twisters" actor Powell
60 "CSI" character

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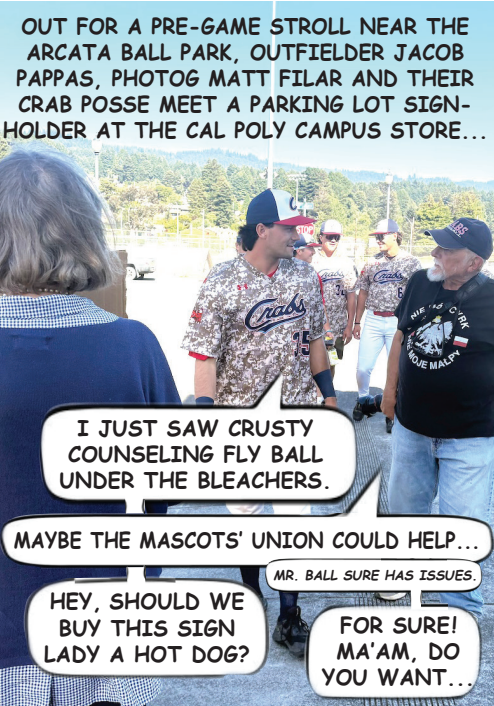
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A small wooden stool inspires spontaneous acts of Trinidad-style kindness

Regular readers of Trinidad Tidings know that good news in Trinidad is a priority. A recent incident illustrates the best of neighborliness. A community yard sale took place earlier in the month. A family on Underwood Street joined in the spirit of repurposing/recycling belongings that were no longer needed and placed a charming hand-crafted low stool that a family member had enjoyed for years in the yard. A Trinidad resident who was strolling through the town spotted the wooden stool as one her deceased husband had crafted many years ago. The Underwood family said, “It is yours now” and would not accept payment. My friend, who lives a few blocks away and who didn’t want her name men-



tioned, went home to fetch her wheelbarrow to retrieve her late husband’s woodwork. On her way home, a pickup truck driver stopped and said, “May I help you with that?” Loading the wheelbarrow with its contents, the little stool and my friend were transported to her home. We all experience generosity of spirit among our neighbors and friends. This small incident is a reminder of how fortunate we are. **Reading Challenge at Trinidad Library** Stop by the library for information on the Teen and Adult Reading Challenge for Summer 2025. It’s a chance to set daily reading goals, write a review or reflect on your summer reading and possibly to receive a prize after you turn in your reading log by August 23, 2025. Some suggestions

for the program are to read for at least 20 minutes per day or to set a certain number of books to read through the summer. The always-helpful staff at Trinidad Library can help you determine your reading priorities. (707) 677-0227 is the library number. **Trinidad Head Lighthouse open Saturday, July 5** The regular first Saturday open house at the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse is set for Saturday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to noon courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum volunteer docents. Arrive early when the viewing lines to climb the ladder to the tower are short. Pedestrians only up the half mile black-top road. Pets on leash, please. *Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.*



FUTURE HOMES Susan Mazur and Jeff Jordan join Life Plan Humboldt Board President Dr. Ann Lindsay, Chair of the McKinleyville Advisory Committee Mary Burke and Humboldt County Supervisor Steve Madrone, in celebrating the purchase of 14.60 acres in the McKinleyville Town Center. The location will be the future home of Life Plan Humboldt’s new senior community. JoAnn Schuch | LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT

Life Plan | Senior community

❖ FROM PAGE 1 In an effort to provide residences for older adults in Humboldt County, this local nonprofit was founded in 2020 to create a lifestyle-focused neighborhood for adults aged 62 and older. Across America, rural and remote communities face a growing challenge: how to provide older adults with vibrant, connected options for aging in place, allowing people to age in the communities they love. Life Plan Humboldt answers that call — offering a thoughtful, nonprofit model of independent living that’s rooted in community and designed for sustainability. With the land purchase now complete, LPH moves closer to realizing its vision: a community of approximately 101 cottages and apartments designed to support active aging, complete with walking trails, dining options, group activities and independent living features. Board President Ann Lindsay, MD, noted, “We want to thank landowner Anne Pierson for letting us develop the project under an initial ‘Purchase Option Agreement.’ This gave us time to fundraise, develop a site plan and begin the permitting process for this complex project. Gratitude to Anne Pierson for her commitment to and compassion for the people of Humboldt County.” **Affordable housing** LPH is splitting off a two-acre parcel for the Rural Community Housing Development Corporation (RCH) to begin its own development of up to 50 affordable senior apartments. Residents of the affordable senior housing will have access to the same amenities and activities as the LPH residents. This range of income levels is unique in the senior living communities across the United States, and LPH hopes to be a model for other rural areas.

Naming campaign Local support for LPH has been phenomenal. To mark the milestone, LPH is inviting the community to help with a campaign to find a name for this special community that reflects the spirit of Humboldt County. “We got some feedback that ‘Life Plan Humboldt’ was too clinical, so we are looking for a name for the community that will mean more to people,” Lindsay said. “It will be fun to see what people come up with!” Details of the campaign will be in the LPH newsletter. (Subscribe at lifeplanhumboldt.org) It requires many steps to create a financially feasible, livable community as ambitious as this, according to Lindsay. Architects will refine plans based on the results of a recent survey sent to 4,000 potential residents county-wide. LPH will open a Welcome Center office in McKinleyville this year and start a Future Residents Priority List for people interested in living in the community. Construction could start as early as 2026, with plans for an opening date in 2028. **About Life Plan Humboldt** Founded by a local grassroots effort, Life Plan Humboldt (LPH) is a not-for-profit organization committed to establishing Humboldt County’s first and only resident-driven senior lifestyle community for adults aged 62-plus. The community of cottages and apartments will be built on a walkable 14.6-acre site in the McKinleyville Town Center and will feature many walking paths and gardens, communal spaces for dining and activities, an outdoor kitchen and more. A separate nonprofit will develop affordable senior housing on the same campus. Construction could begin as early as 2026, with the community opening as soon as 2028. For more information, visit lifeplanhumboldt.org.

Vero | Service coming to area neighborhoods

❖ FROM PAGE 1 A succession of speakers extolled the advent of high-speed fiber as a boon to the local economy, education, public safety and digital equity. Symmetrical fiber offers dramatic improvements in speed over traditional cable, with equally fast upload and download speeds. On top of that, Vero service will be available without any contracts, data caps or, the company promises, hidden fees, but with free installation. The company is betting that residential users will prefer the those advantages over the Cox Cable/Suddenlink/Optimum paradigm that has dominated the sector for decades. While pointing out the positive impacts on economic development, education, telehealth, digital equity and more, Liana Bailey-Crimmins, state chief information officer and director of the California Department of Technology (CDT), offered an example to which everyone could relate. “How many of you have clicked a button and lived with that buffering wheel?” she asked attendees at the kickoff event, drawing appreciative chuckles. “I think we need to move past that.” She thanked Gov. Gavin Newsom for the \$3.25 billion allocation to the Department of Technology to build the nation’s largest, 8,100 mile open-access middle mile network of across all of California’s counties and tribal lands. Former Arcata City Councilmember and current Executive Director of Initiatives for the California Center for Rural Policy at Cal Poly Humboldt Connie Stewart said the delivery of

high-speed fiber “assures that we don’t leave anyone behind,” and that includes Del Norte and Trinity counties. “We’re not done yet,” Stewart said. “But this is a big milestone, folks.” This time next year, she said, 25,000 people in the region will have access to the Middle Mile connection along State Route 299. That service extends to remote rural and tribal lands that have been difficult to provide traditional cable service. She was effusive in her praise for Vero, calling the firm “amazing partners.” Said Stewart, “Vero is the seventh company to come to town to partner with us – lucky number seven! They actually came; they’re actually going house by house now; they have kept every promise, they’ve ever made to me. And nobody keeps every promise to me.” In Arcata, the current Phase 2 construction is seeing new connections made along 11th, Seventh, J and F streets, directly into neighborhoods and homes. The company hasn’t issued any map of the overall implementation schedule, though it is responding to questions about specific addresses on Facebook and via its sales reps. Vero is actually three vertically integrated companies. Vero Fiber Networks, LLC, handles all permitting, design, and deployment of local connections. Vero Networks brings the digital backbone and connects the city to regional infrastructure. Glass Roots Construction delivers the build, trenching, splicing and construction work.

We Are Up | ‘A community within the community’

❖ FROM PAGE 1 with caregiving services and amenities like a community center, gathering spaces and an orchard. We Are Up Founder Mary Keehn told the commission her work on the project is inspired by her own experiences as a caregiver for members of her family, including her autistic granddaughter. “If all of us will need care for a loved one or for ourselves at some point in our lives, wouldn’t it be wonderful if that care was affordable and accessible so that caregiving could be a source of comfort and joy rather than stress and financial hardship,” she said. “Our economy is powered by caregivers who are so often unseen – it’s not just an individual or a family issue, it’s an economic and social issue.” We Are Up’s intent is to address the issue by providing onsite care and “a community within the community, providing job skills and training onsite, and a place for the community at large to come together,” Keehn said. There was solid support for the project during a public comment period. Former State Senator and McKinleyville resident Wesley Chesbro said the project “provides housing while at the same time preserving open space and helps to contribute to McKinleyville’s further de-

velopment as a rich, full community.” Humboldt Office of Education Deputy Superintendent of Schools Colby Smart praised the project for “the positive impact it will have on educational opportunities and the broader community.” Open Door Community Health Centers CEO Tory Starr, a We Are Up board member, said 13,000 of the 60,000 people Open Door serves each year are Medicaid patients “so we’re really engaged with the senior population” and “every day in our work, we see how housing is not just a social issue, it’s a health issue.” He described We Are Up as a “thoughtfully designed, sustainable, intergenerational community.” Kash Boodjeh, the project’s architect, said the We Are Up team has “tried very hard to be a good neighbor,” with design changes addressing noise concerns and reconfiguration of access to events. Some wetlands at the site will be filled but new wetland areas will be created at a ratio of 1.6 to 1 and a clustered development approach seeks to preserve open space. The project’s revenue model includes special events like fundraisers and weddings, which are limited to no more than 35 per year with a maximum attendance of 400 people for each. The project’s non-profit applicant, We Are Up, Inc., purchased three additional parcels along Central Ave. to accommodate changes and shifted main access from Weirup Lane to Central Ave. Up for approval was a special permit allowing exceptions to height and floor area limits, a Planned Unit Development Permit allowing clustering, exception to a zoning limit on residential units and setback reductions, and a Conditional Use Permit. Conditions of approval include upgrading a traffic signal at Central Ave. and constructing an ADA-accessible bus stop. A motion to approve the project included a hazy directive to “investigate” doing a roundabout instead of the traffic signal upgrade. The motion was unanimously approved, with Commissioner Thomas Mulder absent.

Solution to Crossword:

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HUMBOLDT CRABS

Mascots run wild while Crabs are mostly victorious



MASCOTS ON THE RUN Crust Crab takes the lead in a footrace, followed by Bluefoot and the Arcata High Tiger. After taking the photo below, the photographer Matt Filar was flattened.

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Richard LaPreziosa
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – “Last thing I remember was a big tiger head, and then a bunch of furry hands reaching down to help me up.”
That’s what a photographer Matt Filar told me after the weekend’s biggest hit at the Arcata Ball Park – the one where he was flattened by a racing tiger who didn’t have his head on straight.

It was a mascot race, won by a phenomenally fast Crusty Crab, that included a bunch of local



FIRST PITCH Cal Poly Humboldt’s Head Basketball Coach DJ Broome threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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mascots including the Arcata High School Tiger, whose head seemed to go crooked as he splatted into Matt at the finish line, knocking the fearless pic clicker over. Way to put your body on the line Matt!

The other big hit was accompanied by cries of “Oh my god!” and “It hit a car!” as a home run went over the left field fence onto the freeway and bonked off the roof of a car, contributing to the 14-1 win.

Sounds familiar, right? Well, not exactly, as in another of the bizarre occurrences at the ballpark that day, the Crabs were actually on the losing end of said Sunday blowout. This was against Pacific Empire League rivals, the Lincoln Potters mind you, and though the Crabs have had success against them this year, they weren’t able to get the offense going, and the pitching, and,

let’s just talk about the other games of the week, because the Crabs won all of those!

After returning from last week’s road trip where the Crabs competed and beat the top teams in the league, they were able to take two midweek games against the Chico Lone Wolves.

Center fielder Tyler Howard contributed with a home run, and Miles Oliver pitched five scoreless innings.

Sutter Moss hit his third homer of the season in Wednesday night’s 6-4 win against the Wolves and Kayden Kohlberg struck out 6 batters to finish the mini-sweep and

move on to the weekend’s league play.

And so in came the Lincoln Potters who are in a well matched battle with the Crabs in this year’s league standings.

Miles Standish pitched seven innings on Friday night as the Crabs racked up 13 hits, highlighted by a three-run homer in the third by second baseman Cameron Sewell, leading to the 14-10 Crabs win.

Jonah Fragus and Kayden Kohlberg teamed up to pitch five innings each in Saturday night’s 10-inning win. They allowed eight hits, but only two runs as the offensive stalemate reached the tenth inning. Pinch runner Timmy Reed then scored on a wild pitch giving the victory to Humboldt.

Now with a 19 wins and four loss record, the Crabs are in a virtual tie for second place with Lincoln.

This weekend was the start of a long home stand for Humboldt, with a bunch of winnable, league-play games giving

them the opportunity to make some headway in the standings.

Friday starts a three-game set with the Solano

Mudcats, before the Medford Rogues visit for three mid-week games on July 8, including a rare Thursday game on July 10.

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Wednesday, July 2 at 7 p.m.
Marysville Giants

Friday, July 4 at 2:30 p.m.
Solano Mudcats

Saturday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Solano Mudcats

Sunday, July 6 at 12:30 p.m.
Solano Mudcats

Tuesday, July 8 at 6:35 p.m.
AWAY game/Medford Rogues

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:35 p.m.
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Weaving community at the One Village, Many Peoples Festival

Theresa Surbaugh began weaving in 2007. Since then she has spent countless hours perfecting her craft and building a legacy where she is able to pass on her expertise. For her, making baskets and passing the tradition on is a healing journey as much as a creative one.



“I find it very meditative, and it’s been a part of my own healing because of the segregation and assimilation into white culture. Learning my culture was very healing to me. It wasn’t there for me until later in my life because like so many people I was severed from that. So, I’ve had to go back and do a lot of learning and rediscovering of really

who I am as a native woman and that’s been a journey just like a basket,” she said.

Surbaugh spoke about her weaving process as we prepare for her to join us at the One Village, Many Peoples Festival this Friday, July 5 in Pierson Park, McKinleyville. Stationed in Azalea Hall, she will join the festival for a weaving demonstration and a hands-on learning experience.

The work that goes into each basket, pendant, or baby shaker goes far beyond the time spent weaving. The whole process begins with harvesting materials throughout the year. Materials like hazel sticks



WOVEN Theresa Surbaugh with her basketry, completed projects and works in progress. PHOTOS BY JACKIE DANDENEAU

are gathered in March and April, and in June spruce root is ready. In July bear grass could be ready, depending on the how fire season went that year. September brings woodwardia ferns which can grow to be 6 feet tall, though the larger ferns have become sparser in recent years. Additionally, all of these materials have to be processed and prepared for the weaving process once they have been harvested.

Reliant on delicate environmental cycles, harvesting and processing the needed materials requires extensive knowledge of the area and its seasonal changes. Surbaugh shared that the effects of colonization have stripped communities of

much of this knowledge, having a significant impact on the process. Speaking to this loss she said, “It was normal to see [basket weaving]; it was a living thing; it was practical. Annihilation and assimilation has severed that relationship to Mother Earth and to knowing the seasons of what we should gather and what we should do.”

In spite of all this she feels that the challenges of basket making are what gives the basket its personality. “Every basket is a challenge because every basket tells its own story. When you start out you think you’re going to make such and such, and you do, however that basket has difficulties in it you have to overcome. It’s always asking of you much more than you expected you were going to have to give. It’s always a challenge,” Surbaugh said.

Asked why she agreed to participating in the One Village Many People’s festival she said, “I said yes because I think it’s important for the native community to be seen in a world that is constantly overlooking natives. They think that we’re not here, because of the annihilation and assimilation brown people all over the world experience. Being a teacher I want to bring goodness and beauty to my students. I want it for myself, I want it for my students and therefore I want other people in the community to see that we’re doing good things and healing things for ourselves.”

You’ll have a chance to see Surbaugh’s work as well as the details of the labor-intensive process at the One Village, Many Peoples Festival next weekend. There will be music, food, dance and workshops from the many cultures who share space in our community. For more details about the festival, visit the One Village, Many Peoples page on playhousearts.org.



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OPINION

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Mitigation: not a worthy park or plan

At the June 25 McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee meeting, a community commenter was chastised by Planning Director John Ford for requesting clarification on whether the Town Center Ordinance Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) complies with Section 3422 Policy 15 of the McKinleyville Community Plan.

The clear language of that policy states: “No land use or development shall be permitted in Wetland Areas which degrade the wetland or detract from the natural resource value on newly created parcels.”

The DEIR proposes to pre-authorize wetland mitigation in anticipation of subdividing the parcel behind Safeway — yet fails to explain how this complies with Policy 15.

The county also continues to mislead the public with claims that the proposed 14-acre wetland mitigation area will function as “community open space” and a “public benefit.”

As a retired wetland mitigation specialist and former environmental planner with the State of California, I can say with certainty: mitigation is not a park. It is a regulatory offset, required by law to compensate for environmental damage elsewhere. These sites must meet strict ecological performance standards under state and federal law and are maintained in perpetuity by the landowner. Public access is often restricted — not out of exclusion, but to protect the site from erosion, contamination, and regulatory failure.

Equating this with civic space is like calling a traffic fine a charitable donation. It's not a gift — it's the cost of doing harm.

Moreover, early designs propose that a creek currently conveyed in a roadside ditch will be diverted into the mitigation area to provide hydrology. While that might sound restorative, wetland mitigation sites are not allowed to directly receive untreated roadside runoff. These waters often carry toxic substances — including 6PPD-quinone, a chemical known

to kill coho salmon. If this site is to succeed as mitigation, it must include best management practices to filter these contaminants. Otherwise, it fails before it begins.

Meanwhile, despite repeated public requests, there has been no effort by the MMAC to agendize meaningful community discussion of the ordinance—nor to follow up on petitions calling for adherence to the McKinleyville Community Plan. I do applaud the single MMAC member who stood in her truth, recommending that community voice be given such opportunity, rather than just relegated to a two minute comment period.

Add to this the fact that the June 25 meeting was not publicly posted at key community hubs like the McKinleyville Library or Senior Center. When asked about this omission, there was silence. “We're just volunteers” has become the refrain—but volunteer status does not exempt the MMAC from basic standards of public process.

Planning Director John Ford stated that he hopes the Town Center will include a “promenade” behind Safeway, providing walkability and public access. But hope is not a plan. And promenades are not substitutes for dedicated, protected civic space. The only legally guaranteed open space in the ordinance is the 14-acre mitigation site—and that site is unlikely to be open to the public under current law.

Designing a livable, walkable community requires more than aspirational language. It requires binding commitments.

In closing, I urge the county to stop calling a regulatory requirement a community asset. And I ask that any plan using mitigation wetlands to filter runoff containing coho-killing toxins like 6PPD-quinone be reevaluated for both scientific and legal integrity. The public deserves real protections, not greenwashing. The McKinleyville Community Plan promised better. It's time the county lived up to it.

Kelley Garrett
McKinleyville Resident
Retired Wetland Mitigation Specialist
Former Environmental Planner,
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LETTERS

Anti-gay Arcata

Does the City of Arcata condone homophobia, racism, sexual abuse and classism?

Dwayne Quella and [Arcata's recreation supervisor] met Aug. 30 and talked about an event that has never ever happened in Humboldt County before. Seven working days later ReBound signed a contract with ... the City of Arcata for an almost identical idea. The City of Arcata used the City of Arcata's Parks and Recreation Department's phone number and email address as the point of contact to promote ReBound / YoungLife / NorCal Collector Expo event.

The City of Arcata picked ReBound over Dwayne and then helped promote ReBound's event. On two different websites, it says table fees go to local non-profits ReBound and YoungLife, and it's a benefit for YoungLife and ReBound.

Wikipedia says YoungLife was under investigation by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for failing to protect employees against racial discrimination and sexual abuse. One alleged victim of sexual abuse said they told her it was God's plan for her. *Business Insider* says YoungLife, a \$500 million ministry, was under federal investigation for removing four women after they reported sexual misconduct. Wikipedia says YoungLife's anti-LGBTQ policy doesn't allow LGBTQ to volunteer or take leadership roles and describes homosexuality as a lifestyle. Allies are asked to remove from their Facebook page support for the LGBTQ community. *Buzzfeed News* says a gay couple tried to go to the camp reunion and the anti-LGBTQ pushback they faced was the final straw. Staffers told *Buzzfeed News* YoungLife continues to reject its queer members when they come out.

The City of Arcata picked ReBound, promoted ReBound, and helped YoungLife in the process. On Nov. 16, 2024 Reverend Mitchell Felton said “Yet, as life changing as YoungLife was to my

development as a black man trying to follow Jesus, I didn't escape the racism that is deeply embedded in the organization. YoungLifes culture is toxic for black kids, and it needs to be reconciled.” ReBound's event was held at the D Street Neighborhood Center. This is the building with a mural of David Josiah Lawson on it.

Let me recap. The City of Arcata not only picked ReBound/YoungLife who was under federal investigation for racial discrimination and sexual assault as well as their anti-LGBTQ policies, but promoted ReBound/YoungLife using the City of Arcata's tax dollars and resources over Dwayne Quella, a local businessman who is a gay Native American.

(To see a fully documented video, go to Access Humboldt YouTube.)

Brice Barker
Eureka

Note: According to the writer's Wikipedia citation, the federal investigation of Young Life took place in 2021. There is no mention of any ensuing charges. A 2020 lawsuit against the group was dismissed following an out-of-court settlement. REBOUND's Benjamin Funke says he that when he learned that another vendor had scheduled a similar event at the same time last December, the two merged their efforts into one event at the D Street Neighborhood Center, each retaining their own respective beneficiaries. Funke's proceeds went to REBOUND (not ReBound), is a Dreammaker program through Ink People Center for the Arts-backed and-community-based non-profit arts organization. The other vendor supported the youth ministry. City Manager Merritt Perry said the City of Arcata's involvement was limited: “We just rent the building,” he said. Perry added that the City Council recently passed Resolution 245-45 in support of the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + (2S/LGBTQIA+) community, and raised the Two-Spirit and Intersex Inclusive Progress Pride Flag at City Hall, where it flies for Pride Month. — Ed.

Commedia Dell'Arte geniusly wrought in Love's the Best Doctor

Commedia Dell'Arte is, by definition, an ensemble. Imagine the wandering troupes of actors and musicians performing in the streets of Italy centuries ago.

The performers played multiple parts (masks helped) and did other tasks such as moving scenery, sewing costumes, and all that was necessary to put on their plays.

The new production of *Love's the Best Doctor* proves that commedia is alive and well in Blue Lake.

There is, of course, the ensemble of creative geniuses, Michael Fields, who adapted and directed the play originally written by Moliere in 1666; Tim Randles, who wrote most of the songs or gathered them from the American songbook; Lynn Horrigan, who designed the perfect costumes and makeup and the elegant and very useful set; Tony Fuemmeler who designed the masks; and Michael Foster, who did, as he has always done so well over the years, the lighting design.

These geniuses — and I do not use the word lightly — inspire each other and bring about, by their teamwork, an astonishing production.

Then there is the ensemble of actors. All of them were terrific, both in dance and song. Some may have projected better than others but the quality of their work was uniformly wonderful.

David Ferney, as the worried and put-upon father, was by turns hilarious, thoughtful, annoying and deep in his musings on health. He was so consistently excellent that he became the character who the audience depended upon to move the story forward.

Cynthia Martells, who played the housekeeper (always an im-

portant part in commedia — the servant who knows more than the others) was gorgeous in voice, in movement, and in pacing. How that woman can dance!

Victoria Timoteo as the spoiled and rebellious daughter Lucinde commanded the stage every time she stepped her dainty foot on it. She developed her

character slowly and believably, delighting the audience with her tricks and foibles.

Lucinde grows in self-awareness and understanding, taking us along with her until at the end, when another character acts as a mirror to her, showing



her how shallow she was at the beginning, causing her to truly transform into a young woman we admire.

The ensemble of doctors, another ensemble contained in the ensemble of actors, was hilarious and marvelous. Each doctor was costumed and masked or made up to be unique. Each had an amusing name and a shtick to match.

Yet they moved with grace and humor all over the stage, dancing, cavorting, running, proselytizing, all without a mishap. What could have been a seven-vehicle car crash was a very funny ballet.

And Evan Grande, as Clitan-



CAST OF CHARACTERS Left, Victoria Timoteo as Lucinde. Above, A parliament of physicians surround David Ferney. Masks by Tony Fuemmeler and costumes by Lynn Horrigan show off their uniqueness.

PHOTOS BY MARK LARSON VIA DELL'ARTE

dre, a self-styled doctor of love, blew the audience away with his second-act arrival. What a presence!

It was particularly wonderful how the characters wove their way through the two doors of the set, coming in one and out the other, in fluid motion, like fish swimming in the stream. Those doors were also wonderful in that they had been painted in two architectural styles, another Horrigan stylish twist.

That last ensemble includes the talented musicians who have been the house band for so many Dell'Arte productions: Tim Randles, composer, music director, and keyboards; Marla Joy, bass, flute, sax and sardo; Jeff Kelley, guitar, drill, and composer of a sweet and sad self-help song; and Mike LaBolle, drums.

Tony Cogliati, one of the doctors, had a pre-show cameo on the witch doctor song and Julie Douglas, another one of the doctors, did great backup vocals with the band.

This band has played so

many shows at Dell'Arte that they can read each other's cues backwards and forwards. They wow us every time and bring it to every show.

This audience had the added joy of hearing Marla Joy sing several numbers. I am not allowed to say more and ruin any surprise in future performances (two more and Do Not Miss them) but *wow*, just wow.

Lest you think I am a total sycophant, I did have several criticisms of the overall production.

First, it needs a fool. The Fool is such a useful and important character that I felt the lack of this role here. The father did sometimes fill this need. And yes, the servant does work that way too. But the play would move along so much better with the comments, jokes and asides of a fool. Just sayin'.

Secondly, I am well aware that commedia always comments on current events. It is an important part of the genre. The audience laughed heartily at the jokes about Blue Lake politics,

not so much at the many gags about national politics. Several gags, while clever and delivered well, did not get any laughs. I felt sad for the actors.

Thinking about it after the play, I reflected that the audience may be exhausted by the current debacle that is our national state of affairs. It almost feels like picking at scabs.

I've been laughing at political comedy since the 1960s, when I loved the San Francisco Mime Troupe and the East Bay Sharks who brought their comedy to the parks and streets of the Bay Area. But when the fifth joke about the Orange One fell flat, I just felt sorry for the actor.

But these are minor criticisms. This play is so fabulous that I just want to shout in the streets:

Go. See. It!

There are two more chances: Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6. (No performance on Fourth of July.) And take a blanket! 131 H St. Blue Lake, dellarte.com

Protect your pets on the 4th of July, meet fun-loving cutie Joanna

It's time again for the annual reminders about keeping your pets safe for the Fourth of July. This tends not to be a happy day for the dogs and cats...

Here are a few things you can do to help the day go by without too much stress for both you and them. There are many natural products for stress relief, but if you have tried them before without success, please contact your veterinarian for something stronger.

Sometimes the best Fourth of July is the one that the dog sleeps through. Lots of people like to turn on the TV or radio for some white noise, though that has never successfully faked out my sensitive dog. The really important thing is to keep your pets safely inside. If you have to take them outside, take them on a leash, even if you have a fenced yard. It's amazing how high a dog can climb



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

when scared!

Make sure your pets are microchipped or wearing identification information so that they can be safely returned if they get out. Even if you write your phone number on a piece of masking tape on their collar, that will help.

Should your animal get out on the Fourth, please call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 ASAP. The shelter is closed Friday through Sunday, but staff will be checking the messages and if your pet has a current rabies vaccine, they will be able to go right home. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday!

What does a Sunday morning in the rescue world look like? I've been trying to get my column written (I am notoriously late in that regard) and so far, I have also fielded a phone call from someone in Fortuna that found one of "my" dogs, who turned out to be a dog in foster from the shelter. By the

time we figured out who the dog was, found the contact information and reached the foster, the dog was already safely with Fortuna Animal Control. Dog and foster were quickly reunited.

My number is on the Redwood Pals tags that we attach to all dogs in foster. I've learned not to panic when someone calls and says they have found my dog in Eureka or Fortuna. I always do a quick count of the dogs in my living room and then realize it's not one of the home dogs, who also have their names on their tags.

In addition, this morning I've searched our donations for a medication for one rescue dog and special shampoo for a puppy who just went into foster yesterday, and followed up on a recent adoptee from the shelter who I helped place. A request for arranging a spay for a mama dog whose puppies we placed also came in. We are always available with vaccinations, dog food or gear for dogs in our local unhoused communities, though



Joanna. LAUREN MORGAN | DOGTOWN

no one has texted for that yet, but the day is still young!

And now to our cute dog of the week! Little Joanna is one of our longer residents and is so ready to find her forever home. She is about two-and-a-half and is a very cute pup. Joanna has been described as a jelly bean by several volunteers – is that because she's sweet or because she is a compact girl with a little stub tail?

Joanna loves her time with the volunteers! She is known for choosing a toy at the start of her walk and carrying it the whole way. She is also very affectionate and loves pets, belly rubs and any attention she can get. Joanna has been to the beach, where she loved the freedom to run on a long line and was cautious about the surf, but ran right into the river.

She is known for being smart, affectionate and sassy. Smart and sassy because she will ask for pets and when the volunteers lean over, she will free some of the treats from their pouches!

Joanna has some new friends among the other dogs and is enjoying her time with them. She's not a big player, but seems to like the company while exploring all the smells. A volunteer friend says "She makes me smile every time I take her out."

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B20250150661 835 J ST. ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FRANCISCO CRUZ ALVAREZ MEMBER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 18, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JC/DEPUTY CLERK 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00326

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BRITZING LLC 25 GLENDALE DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT BRITZING LLC 202357810117 25 GLENDALE DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INGER AVERY, AGENT/MANAGING PARTNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00316

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BLUSIREN SERVICES 363 RAILROAD AVENUE FIELDS LANDING, CA 95537-0363 PO BOX 363, FIELDS LANDING, CA 95537-0363 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT APRIL M. COBB 363 RAILROAD

AVENUE FIELDS LANDING, CA 95537-0363

PO BOX 363, FIELDS LANDING, CA 95537-0363

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL APRIL COBB, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 11, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00297

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT CIDER COMPANY 2901 HUBBARD LANE EUREKA, CA 95501

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT C. ASHDON CIDER INCORPORATED

3626835 2901 HUBBARD LANE EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, MICHELLE CARTLEDGE, CFO/SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 5, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00264

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS TODAY 1095 S FORTUNA BLVD, STE D FORTUNA, CA 95540

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PO BOX 188 CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS, INC.

IA B20250094791 215 1/2 MAIN STREET CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, WILLIAM BRADFORD, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 21, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00315

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PIT OF PARADISE 480 PATRICKS POINT DR TRINIDAD, CA 95570

990 MYERS RD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT RICHARD J SOUDAN 480 PATRICKS POINT DR

TRINIDAD, CA 95570

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, RICHARD J SOUDAN OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 11, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES SC/DEPUTY CLERK 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00302

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MOON TREE 3D 2334 CYPRESS AVE. EUREKA, CA 95503

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GARY J. CREASON 2334 CYPRESS AVE. EUREKA, CA 95503

VALERIE L. CREASON

2334 CYPRESS AVE. EUREKA, CA 95503 This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE S/JGARY CREASON, CO-OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 6, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name: AUSTIN LYONS

Case No. JV2400142

1. To: DEJA LYONS, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Austin Lyons, born on 08/25/2014, at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA.

2. A hearing will be held on September 03, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.

4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.

7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present. ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695 KATIE BACA, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #188031

825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236

DATE: May 29, 2025 Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Antonia Devol-Alcala 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SHERRY LEE THOMSON-KING SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2500708 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: SHERRY LEE THOMSON-KING

A. To Proposed name: SHERRY LEE THOMSON

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: June 23, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 8

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: May 9, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

BRYAN OLEA GONZALEZ SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2500575 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: BRYAN OLEA GONZALEZ

A. To Proposed name: AYAN CABOT

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: July 11, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: May 9, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

BRYAN OLEA GONZALEZ SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2500575 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: BRYAN OLEA GONZALEZ

A. To Proposed name: AYAN CABOT

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: July 11, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: June 9, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARGARET MCDONALD CASE NO. PR2500167

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARGARET MCDONALD

A Petition for Probate has been filed by : JOHN MCDONALD in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JOHN MCDONALD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: July 3, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: CIV Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California

Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

JUNE 12, 2025 JOHN MCDONALD 1886 IVERSON ARCATA, CA 95521 6/18, 6/25, 7/2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING July 22nd, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Arcata Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on July 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata for a Use Permit.

Project Description: A Use Permit to operate a tavern and indoor-outdoor commercial recreation dog park. Interior improvements include the creation of dog play areas, the bar and seating areas, bathrooms, an office, and supply room. Exterior alterations include adding an operable window opening for indoor and outdoor seating.

Project Location: 148 South G Street, Suite 1, Arcata.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 503-211-029

Application Type: Use Permit

Property Owner: Tim Lorenzo

Applicant: Gloria Baker

Agent: Steve Bohner

File Number: 245-036-UP

Date of application: April 21, 2025.

Zoning/ General Plan: Coastal Zone: Coastal Industrial Commercial; Citywide: Industrial Limited with Natural Hazards Combining Zone for flood Hazards.

Coastal Zone: Located in Coastal Zone, State of California Coastal Development Permit jurisdiction.

Environmental: Proposed California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exemption, Class 3, Section 15303(c) Conversion of Small Structures.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN:

1. Information regarding the proposed Use Permit and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St, Arcata on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 707-822-5955 or comdev@cityofarcata.org

2. The Planning Commission will consider

public comment, and the entire public record on the Use Permit, prior to making a recommendation or decision.

3. The Planning Commission's Action is appealable to the City Council. In compliance with \$9.76.030 of the City's Land Use Code, any aggrieved person who, in person, in writing, or by representative, informed the City of their concerns at or before the hearing or decision may appeal a final action by the review authority. Appeals must be filed within 10 business days following the date of the action by filing an appeal, along with the applicable fee.

4. Pursuant to \$1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."

5. Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person to give their comment, or before the meeting by sending an email to comdev@cityofarcata.org. Emailed comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting, they will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and included in the written record of the meeting.

HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING:

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person or participate online. See the agenda for the Zoom link and dial-in number which will be released at least 72 hours before the meeting is held. Go to www.cityofarcata.org and click on "See Live Meetings, Agendas & Archives." Select "Planning Commission" from the Meeting Group list and click on the link to the meeting agenda you would like to view. Requests for accessible meeting accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953. 7/2

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name: RIKI YULE

Case No. JV2400049

1. To: AUSTIN OW-SLEY, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Rikki Yule, born on 01/09/2020, at Mad River Community Hospital, Arcata, CA.

2. A hearing will be held on September 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.

4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.

7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present. ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695

KATIE BACA, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #188031 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236

DATE: June 24, 2025 Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Antonia Devol-Alcala 7/2, 7/9, 7/23, 7/30

ed. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.

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DATE: June 24, 2025 Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Antonia Devol-Alcala 7/2, 7/9, 7/23, 7/30

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name: RIVER SMITH, AKA BABY BOY WHITE

Case No. JV400163

1. To: FORREST SMITH AND ALEX-ANDRIA WHITE, and anyone claiming to be a parent of River Smith, AKA Baby Boy White, born on 09/04/2024, at Providence St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA.

2. A hearing will be held on September 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.

4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation

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Baduwa’t doc at fest

DELL’ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE — As part of the 35th Baduwa’t Festival, Dell’Arte International presents a screening of a documentary film close to our heart and important to our home. The screening takes place Saturday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlo Theater at Dell’Arte, 131 H St. in Blue Lake.

The documentary, *Baduwa’t*, is a project of the Baduwa’t Watershed Council, co-directed and produced by Michelle Hernandez and Dave Feral and co-produced by Lynette Nutter.

A discussion with Feral and others will follow the screening. This film tells the powerful story of the Baduwa’t River — its deep importance to our community, its uncertain future, and the urgent need to restore, reclaim, and protect it for generations to come.

Baduwa’t, also known as the Mad River, is one of the most remote watersheds in Northern California. For the Wiyot people, it’s never been Mad, it’s always been Baduwa’t. The Wiyot Tribe had managed this watershed sustainably for thousands of years until 1849 when colonizers, seeking to claim a safe harbor for the U.S. military and the quickest way to transport goods from the North Coast to San Francisco, erroneously named the river Mad — that name was adopted by the United States government, but not the Wiyot Tribe.

Since then, Baduwa’t faces threats that could mean the end of a unique watershed. Not only is this river a climate refuge for wildlife and fisheries, it’s also the drinking water for over 90 percent of Humboldt County’s population.

Reclaiming the name Baduwa’t brings the Wiyot Tribe recognition of a watershed occupied and managed traditionally by them and neighboring tribes for thousands of years.

The filmmakers reveal how poor land management practices have impacted the Baduwa’t ecosystem, and how applying tribal traditional ways and improved land practices can shift the balance toward recovery and can significantly impact the ecological balance and the community.

This film shows one night only on Saturday, July 12 at the Carlo Theater, 131 H Street, Blue Lake. The house will open at 7 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. showing.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the door, by phone, and online at dellarte.com.

About the Baduwa’t Festival

Formerly known as the Mad River Festival, the Baduwa’t Festival is a beloved summer event celebrating the performing arts, music, and connection.

Festival schedule

- Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6 — *Love’s the Best Doctor*, Dell’Arte Company Mainstage Show
- Saturday, July 12 — Screening of *Baduwa’t* documentary
- Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 — Red Light Cabaret
- Tuesday, July 22 to Saturday, July 26 — Humboldt Folklife Festival
- Friday, Aug. 1 — Screening: Dell’Arte Prison Arts Program Documentary
- Sunday, Aug. 3 — Annie & Mary Day Parade

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Independence Day celebrations in Arcata, Eureka

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/EUREKA — Humboldt County will celebrate Independence Day on Friday, July 4 with festivals on the Arcata Plaza and in Old Town Eureka.

Arcata Jubilee

In Arcata, a Bubbles Promenade will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Bubbles, 1031 H St. in Arcata. “Dress up. Wear your biggest/craziest/fanciest hat and bring bubbles to blow!” states the Arcata Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. “We will walk from Bubbles to and around the Plaza. and end at the Jubilee stage, kicking off the event!”

The Fourth of July Jubilee on

the Arcata Plaza takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at will feature live music with the Grateful Getdown, the Craig Woods Band, West African Drum and Dance, DJ Sunbird and local favorite Brett McFarland and The Freedom Riders.

Eureka Festival

Eureka Main Street invites the community and visitors to celebrate Independence Day with a full day of festivities on Friday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in historic Old Town Eureka.

The 4th of July Festival spans five city blocks along Second Street and offers a variety of family-friendly activities and enter-

tainment. Festival-goers can enjoy vendor booths featuring food, crafts, art and local community organizations. A petting zoo, fire trucks, police vehicles, horse and carriage rides, Madaket Bay Cruises, and kids’ activities will add to the fun.

Live music will be presented on three stages throughout the day

The festivities conclude with the highly anticipated fireworks show over Humboldt Bay at 10 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to find a good waterfront viewing spot to enjoy the spectacular display.

eurekamainstreet.org

NCRT presents *Romeo and Juliet*



WHEREFORE ART THOU? AJ Hempstead and Kahvi Zvaleko.
PHOTO BY EVAN WISHERROP

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE

EUREKA — North Coast Repertory Theatre is proud to present its next production of the world famous *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. The play opens Friday, July 11 and runs through Aug. 3.

Riots are constant, civil society is divided, and the citizens are fighting each other — it’s 16th century Verona and the streets have turned mean. In the middle of the most dire feud, romance blooms — but can it survive? *Romeo and Juliet* is William Shakespeare’s time-

less tale of love, hate, sex and violence.

This exciting production is unique for NCRT as it has four well-established co-directors combining their talents for what will surely be a memorable experience. The directing team includes Calder Johnson, Caroline Needham, Evan Needham and David Hamilton.

Stage management is handled by Anna Gillespie, and Jessie McQuade as assistant stage manager. The creative design team includes David Hamilton as scenic designer. Lighting design is by Merrick Yra, sound design by Kieran Specht, properties by Walter Gillespie and costumes are Calder Johnson.

The production features a talented ensemble of performers including AJ Hempstead, Kahvi Zvaleko, David Hamilton, Scott Osborn, Calder Johnson, Maxwell Sims, Larry Crist, Filip Amborski, Andrew Miller, Caroline Needham, Andrea Zvaleko, Kimberly Haile, Jaye Templeton, Amelia Resendez, James Wright, Sophia Escudero, Julian Smith, Evelyn Gillespie and Evan Needham.

The 5th & D st Theater is located at 300 Fifth St., Eureka. To see show schedules, purchase tickets online or to learn about volunteer opportunities, visit ncrt.net.

Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Aug. 2. Matinees are on Sundays at 2p.m. through Aug. 3 Tickets are \$20 for general/\$18 for seniors/students, \$75 for VIP tables.

ncrt.net, ncrtboxoffice@gmail.com

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, July 3 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola reforms local jazz favorites the Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

RUSHADICUS performs Friday, July 4 at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Rushadicus (Rushad Eggleston) is a cellist provocateur and performance artist. After a formal music education, his work in the bluegrass, Americana and rock worlds garnered awards and international recognition, and over a three-year period, Rushadicus developed “Sneth Metal,” a new sound that defies all expectations, logic and form. It’s virtuoso improvisation and wild, immersive theater. It’s hilarious, it’s deeply disturbing and it’s great art that rejects the traditional forms of music and deconstructs the very idea of entertainment. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$22 in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

JAZZ IS PEACE: LOUIS ARMSTRONG takes place Saturday, July 5 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Creative Sanctuary is excited to present a concert honoring perhaps the most influential instrumentalist and vocalist of the 20th century, “Pops,” Louis Armstrong. The band will perform a wide variety of music from Armstrong’s career, with an emphasis of course on New Orleans jazz. James Zeller will act as host, with the support of local trumpet hero Don Hammerstedt, Katie Belknap on vocals and clarinet, Lee Phillips on bass, Ramsey Isaacs on drums and Matthew Seno on piano. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$15-\$30 on a sliding scale in advance and at the door. (707) 822-1575, arcataplayhouse.org

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS perform Saturday, July 5 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Local boys Buddy Reed

and the Rip It Ups, layin’ it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

THE CLAIRE BENT JAZZ QUINTET performs on Saturday, July 5 at noon as part of the summer music calendar on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Rd. The Claire Bent Jazz Quartet, led by Humboldt County’s princess of soul, joins her band playing their jazz, funk and R&B dance tunes. All ages. \$1. (707) 839-4140, fieldbrookwinery.com

WOMAN SHAPED THINGS perform Sunday, July 6 at Outer Space Arcata, 837 H St., Arcata. Queercore nugaze punk from Woman Shaped Things, partly fronted by Milo of Heart Eyes. Also featuring a solo set by Alexus Roberts (the powerhouse singer-songwriter behind Queen Karma), the dance-y kitch rock of Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes and a musical PowerPoint performance by members of Think Tank and Half Wing. Doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$5 to \$20 on a sliding scale. (707) 633-9160, outerspacearcata.com

CANARY AND THE VAMP performs Sunday, July 6 at noon as part of the summer music calendar on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Rd. Channeling the voices of the Tin Pan Alley songbook, Beverly Twist from Belles of the Levee joins forces with Absynth Quartet’s guitarist Ryan Roberts and bassist/vocalist John Ludington. All ages. \$1.

COMING UP:

- Kolumbo at Richard’s Goat, Tuesday, July 15, 8 p.m.
- Valley Wolf at Richard’s Goat, Friday, July 18, 9 p.m.
- Carolyn Wonderland at Humboldt Brewery, Tuesday, July 22, 8 p.m.
- Stick Men at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, July 23, 8 p.m.
- Cory Hanson at Richard’s Goat, Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.
- G Love and Special Sauce at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, July 30, 9 p.m.
- Dummy at Richard’s Goat, Saturday, Aug. 2, 8:30 p.m.
- Hed PE at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 8 p.m.
- Broken Compass Bluegrass at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30 p.m.

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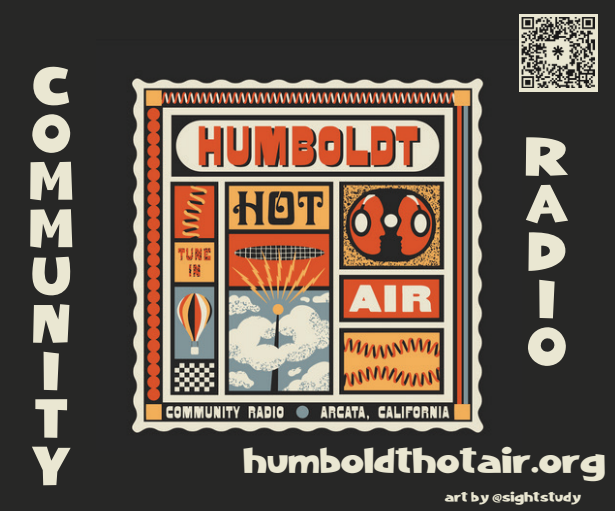
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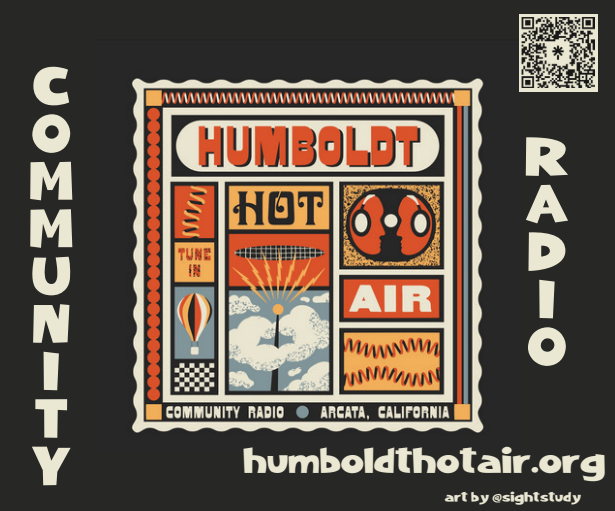
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